無法讓我不愛你

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LET ME TELL YOU WHY HE LOVES ME!

由於雙方父母再婚，小貴和阿森兩人突然變成兄弟　小貴一直憧憬著能擁有一個靠得住的哥哥，有一天他無意巧拒在街上　發現巨星阿森正在從事房屋的工作！阿森成為小貴不准洩露秘密！面對此景兄他！被溫阿森有受傷人格!?

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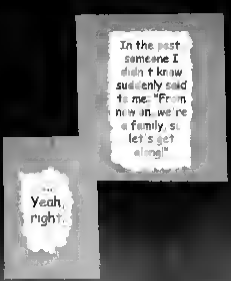
In the past someone I didn't know suddenly said to me: "From now on, we're a family, so let's get along!"
...
Yeah, right.

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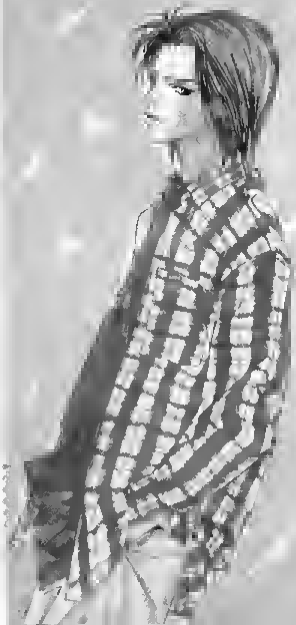
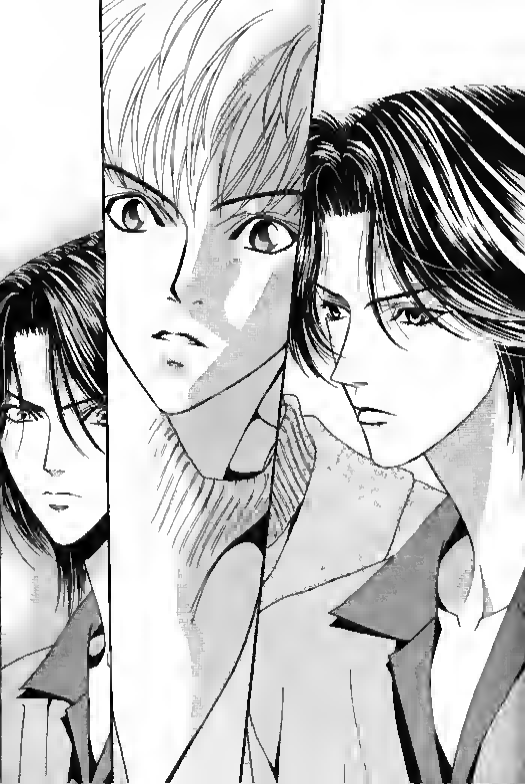
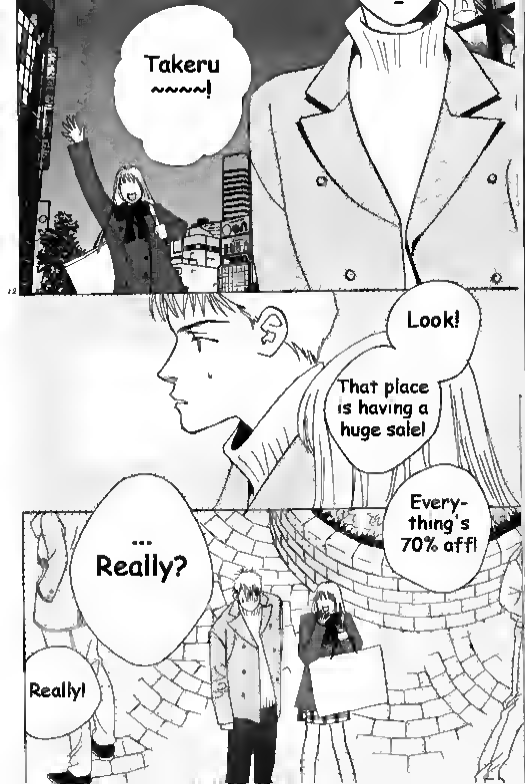


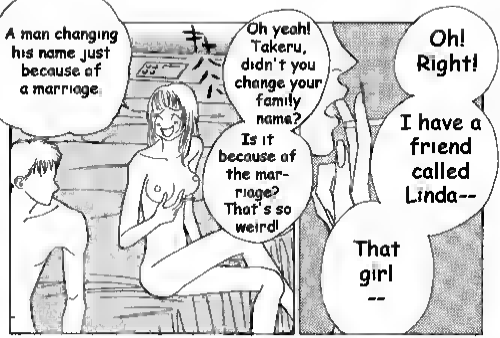
The two colours that represent the X'mas season have completely filled the streets
Red as fireworks, and green as grassy plains.
If it's not red it's green
It's freezing ~~~~ Jingze, that girl! She's late again
She could at least bring a pager!
I should teach her a lesson!
Then
How much money do you want?

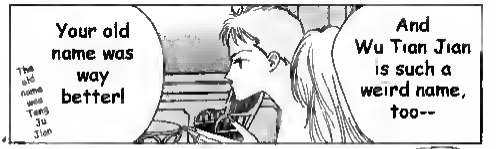
I wonder what the woman looks like?
Is this what they call prostitution?
Ah!
I only have 30,000 yen. Is that okay?
And I still have ta pay for the restaurant tab...
Yes, that's fine
But that's only the deposit fee.

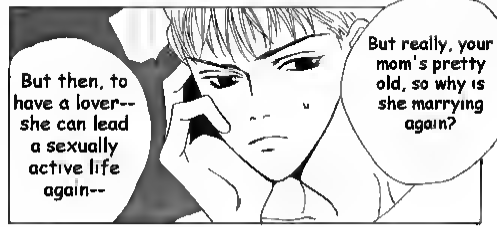


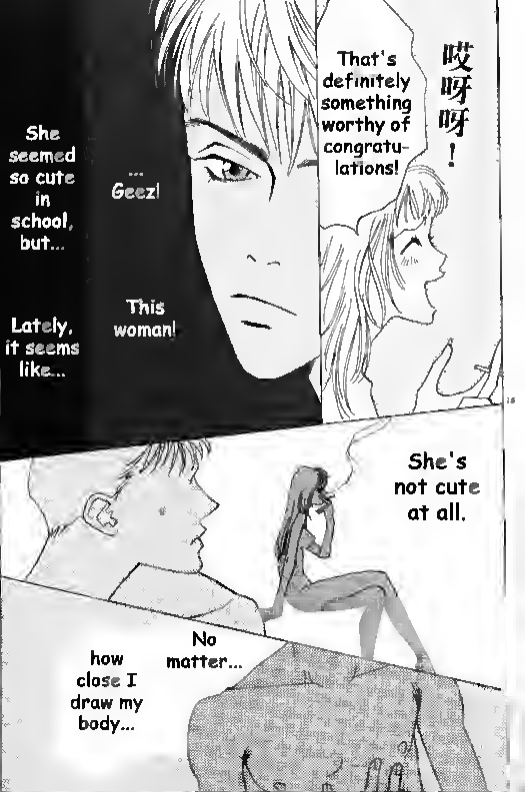

Takeru ~~~~!
Look!
That place is having a huge sale!
Every-thing's 70% off!
... Really?
Really!

. really shocked!
I was...
Takeru,
Why did you cut your sideburns? I don't like it!
When will they grow back out?
You look like such a goody-goody right now!


A man changing his name just because of a marriage.
Oh yeah! Takeru, didn't you change your family name?
Is it because of the marriage? That's so weird!
Oh! Right!
I have a friend called Linda--
That girl --


Your old name was way better!
The old name was Tang Ju Jian
And Wu Tian Jian is such a weird name, too--


But then, to have a lover-- she can lead a sexually active life again--
But really, your mom's pretty old, so why is she marrying again?


哎呀呀！
That's definitely something worthy of congratulations!
She seemed so cute in school, but...
... Geez!
Lately, it seems like...
This woman!
She's not cute at all.
No matter...
how close I draw my body...

At the time, I only had to look at her, and my heart would skip a beat ..
Now that I think about it, the feelings I had before dating her were way better.
I still feel detached.

Couldn't bear to wreck the decoration so saved it for last
As a kid, I'd practically drool every time I saw that type of cake.
Kind of like looking at the candy decorations for X'mas cakes.
Only to realize afterward that it tasted totally disgusting, completely destroying my earlier feelings of anticipation.
咪嗚！
咪嗚！
咪嗚！
ｶﾌﾟｯ

Takeru?
What's with the cat?
No way!
Cats will destroy the furniture!
I know! But...
You want to toss it outside in this freezing weather?
Since they haven't raised any before...
You old woman!
And you know that this house wasn't originally ours
咪嗚！
咪嗚！
Besides, Dad and Shin don't seem to like animals.
Old woman!
Fine, but you'll need permission from Dad and Shin
Yea! No problem!
But I'm telling you, you're taking care of it yourself!

Before, when we lived in an apartment, we couldn't have pets.
But if we had owned our own house, I would've wanted a pet!
Did you know?
Yes m'om!
Becouse mom has to work.
Got it!

I'm home!
Ah! You're off work?
But it looks like he's adapting really well
I've been feeling uneasy because I was afraid he might not accept my remarriage
This is great

You're home!
Takeru, I'm home!
Dad
Hide away
Ah! I still get nervous.
Is it cold outside? I've already turned on the heater. Hurry and sit down!
Thank you.
Shin still hasn't come home yet?
Hasn't it already been a month since we've become "a family?"
Really, that kid--college entrance exams are coming up, and he's still feeling around.
He's probably studying at a friend's house!
柳瑛!

Takeru!
Ah!
Yes?
You're a first year now, right?
But someday, you'll also have to take the college entrance exams, so work hard!
Okay
I lost my dad so long ago, that I don't even know how to act around this kind of adult
Uh...
About--
Still, I have to bring up the issue of the cat
喀啦！
Ah!
Shin, you're home?

Crap...
How can I face him...
I'm home.
パタン
Why are you so late, Shin?
Sorry.
I was looking for some proctice exams
Liar!

If you dare reveal anything, I'll kill you!
That face...
那種眼神!
It's freaking me out

It's like...
...the moment I look away, I'll be killed...
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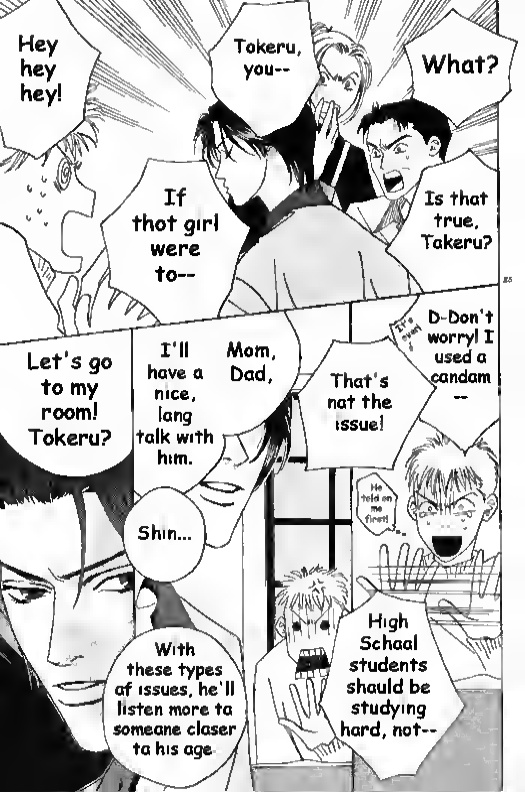
Takeru, you're really something
Eh?
I saw you today!
That girl was your girlfriend, right?
But, aren't you moving a little fast?
First year, and you're already taking girls to hotels


Hey hey hey!
Takeru, you--
What?
If thot girl were to--
Is that true, Takeru?
D-Don't worry! I used a condam --
It's over!
Let's go to my room! Tokeru?
I'll have a nice, lang talk with him.
Mom, Dad,
That's nat the issue!
He told on me first!
Shin...
With these types af issues, he'll listen more ta someane claser ta his age
High Schaal students shauld be studying hard, not--

I don't want to go!!
Ow!
W-Wait!
You--
Click

B-B-B-Because ...
D-Don't come ony closer!
Click ..?
Why s he locking the door?
What are you scared af? It's not like I'll bite!
Because that time...
That time...
So you did hear everything ...
I-If I tell, then what will you do?
Ah!
Listen! You can't tell mom and dad!

You're so loud! I'm just changing.
If you let them know,
Wah! What are you doing!
This guy ...
Then I'll--

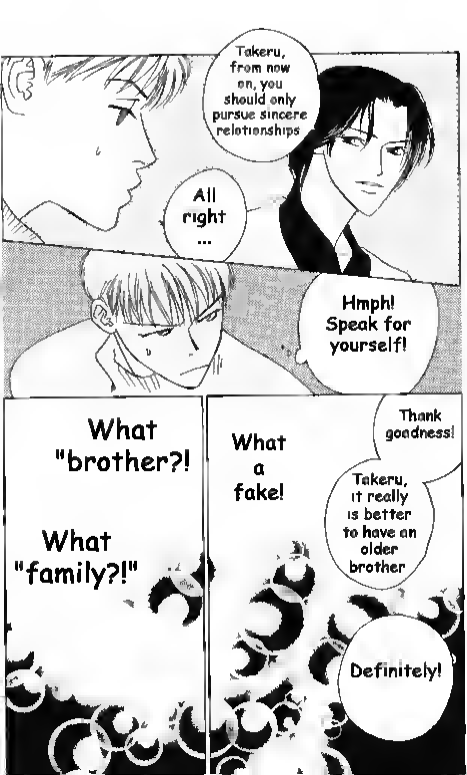
R-Rape...
B-But...
You can't rope your own brother!
...Rape you!
We're not brothers...
Does this guy have o split personolity?
We're not even blood-reloted!

If this guy really wanted to screw me over..
What a jerk ...
Crap -.
I give up!
I understand! I promise not to say anything.
But--
I have one condition.
Don't make it sound so bad, big guy!
Aiyeh!
Oh? You want to strike a deal?
Who's the "big guy?"
NOW

Most likely, it's his dad who doesn't like animals.
I want you -- to accept it.
So if I leave the convincing up to him, it'll work for sure!

...Fine!
Anyway, Dad likes animals, so it won't be a problem.
Eh? Really?

If anything were to happen, I won't be responsible!
Don't let it come close to me
I hate cats the most!
However!
Then the one who hates animals is you?
Also,
from now on, you can call me aniisan
Thot .
If you realize the importance of life, then, when you feel sexual urges, you won't do anything excessive.
That is the most important teaching in Sex-ed
...So,
the creation of life is a beautiful thing


Takeru, from now on, you should only pursue sincere relationships
All right ...
Hmph! Speak for yourself!
What "brother?!
What "family?!"
What a fake!
Thank goodness!
Takeru, it really is better to have an older brother
Definitely!

Have some shredded squid.
I should give you a name.
Only you...
Would understand my feelings.
Screw him!

To return home to a brightly-lit house,

with the heater always turned on,

a house pet also being raised...

I'm lonely, too --mother was olwoys busy warking, so I usuolly ote by myself.

Actuolly ...

You...

How did you come to live by yourself?

Dad, who usually just eats, would even show some cooking skills.

Pass me the plate.

... the entire family gathered around a hot pot ...

And an older brother I can rely on.

I'll help you look it over.

Homework?

... In my heart, I have this wish.

To have that kind of a family.

Oh...
It's really cold.
...
I fell asleep.
Nn?
What's that smell?
Did something go bad?
Eh?
Shiver!
Shiver!

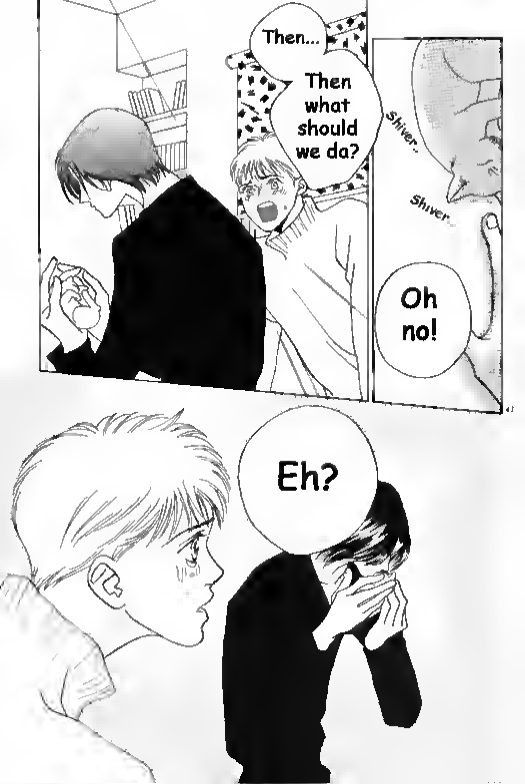
What's wrong?
Hey!

You're so loud! What the heck are you doing?
That idiot, what's he yelling about?
It's...
It's really bad!

!!
It--
It looks really weird.

He's throwing up because he can't digest!
Hmph!
And it's unlikely that an ambulance would come for a situation like this!
Idiot!

Shredded squid? You let it eat this kind of stuff?
But... it was eating so happily
Stupid!


Then...
Then what should we do?
Shiver...
Shiver...
Oh no!
Eh?

No way ...
He's actually using his own lips to suck up the regurgitated stuff...

But ...
Doesn't he hate animals?
Then why ...
Why would he do something like this?
呼
哈
呜

Thank goodness ...

Thank you...
for helping me...
Oniisan!

Because this cat is already a part af aur family.
Well, af caurse!

I was really worried ...
Yeah!
not knowing...
if my new family would accept me...

Ah!
It
peed!

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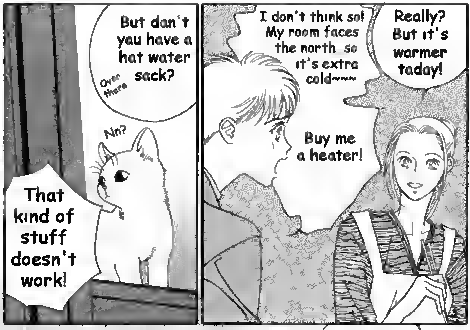
Aaaa tchoo!
Takeru? Did you catch a cold?
Shiver shiver
It's freezing ~~~~
Cough
Ugh I was almost frozen stiff this morning
Ugh ~~~~~
Cough Cough


But don't you have a hot water sack?
Over there
Nn?
That kind of stuff doesn't work!
I don't think so! My room faces the north so it's extra cold~~~
Really? But it's warmer today!
Buy me a heater!

Why don't you switch rooms with me?
Ah...
Just endure it a bit The weather will warm up soon.
Besides your room will be really cool in the summer--it's the best!
Isn't it great?
I'm frozen stiff right now!

The room focing the north is really quiet, so it's o little easier to focus
.....!
Shin!
Oh, so it's okay if I'm cold?
But, then, you'll be cold
Shin's about to take the college entrance exams!
Hurry and say thanks!
You're so lucky to hove such o good brother
This guy ...
It's fine!
Shin...
Takeru o such a baby
Hmph what a fake!

Did you bring your lunch?
Yeah, I got it!
I'm going to school!
He sure knows how to pretend.
Ah... cool shoes!
Really! Mom doesn't even know that he screws around outside the house.

I'll give them to you...
Eh?
You want them?
Really?
If yau can get them.
Maybe this guy isn't sa bad after all!
Really? You'd actually give them to me?
I take back what I said!

Only little kids would do something like that!
Well, only little brats would fall for it!
So what if I'm a brat! So what?
It's because you're a brat that I want to bully you
If you want the shoes, then try to take them from me!
Yeah, right!
Besides, isn't bullying just another form of love?

Ah~~~it's such a shame. Shin's graduating saan--
I heard he's already been admitted to K-University!
Wait-- too cool!
Wouldn't it be great to be his girlfriend?
I'd be happy if I just had a fling with him!
Just once!
Don't be an idiot! He's not that type of guy!

Really ...
He must already have a beautiful girlfriend
He isn't the kind of person who would do things recklessly!
They don't know his true face.
Lucky
Calm down!
I'd be willing to dote Takeru, just ta get closer ta Shin
Let me go!
Takeru's so lucky--he gets to be Shin's brother
Women are so cruel!
What are you talking about?

Aren't you guys being too mean?
With that kind of a brother, you'll spend your whole life living up to him
Poor Takeru!
That guy might seem perfect, but at home--
What's he like at home?
What, Takeru?

That person ... he can't be bad!
He saved the dirty stray cat I picked up.
And also switched raams with me
There really wasn't any malice in it
Even thaugh he played that jake an me
At home ...
we're good brothers ...
Well, isn't that good?

Excellent marks, athletic

From students to teachers, he's everyone's favourite

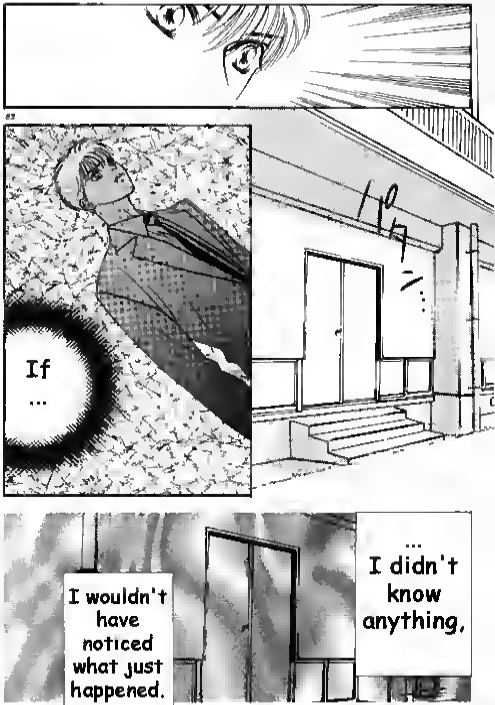
He really is perfect!

Yeah, Shin is a good person!

But, why ...

Why do that kind of thing?

Ahi Onisan ...
And the phys-ed teacher ...
Reach!
Aim!


If
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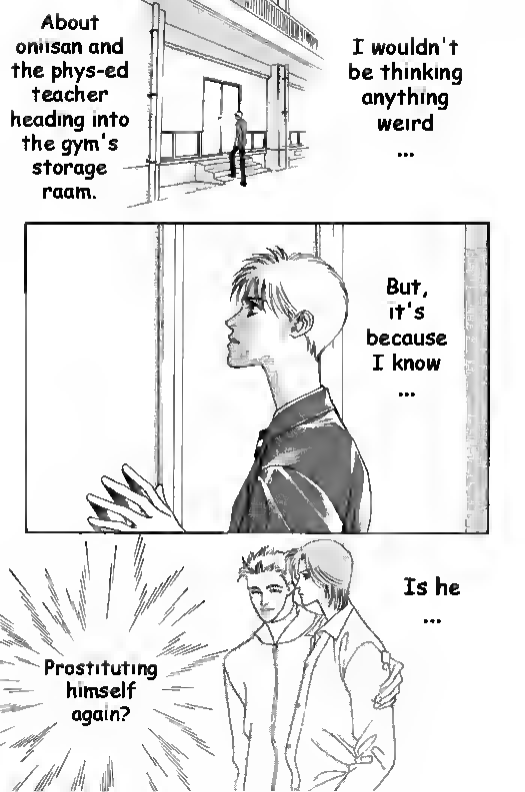
I wouldn't have noticed what just happened.
... I didn't know anything,


About onisan and the phys-ed teacher heading into the gym's storage raam.
I wouldn't be thinking anything weird ...
But, it's because I know ...
Is he ...
Prostituting himself again?

Oh ...
Ah ...
... Domn it!
Why does he need to do thot kind of stuff?

Eh?
Does he really need to do that?
I just don't get it!
Please, can you give this to your brother?
A bento My mom already made one for him
He can't passibly eat twa, right?
So mean!
Ah--! Takeru made a girl cry!
You don't cry!
I I'll help you bring it ta him!

Lately, he's been eating at the back of the school
3-A
Shin? Eh...
Jeez! I just can't stand up to a girl's tears
At the back?
Isn't that where the furnace is located?
Why would he be eating there?

Ah,
I found him!
What's he doing ...
Eh?
啪沙！

Hold ...
Hold on a sec!
That guy ...
He ...
What the hell?
How dare he toss out the bento mom always rushes to make before heading off to work
Just like that...

Unless I've guessed wrong
that's something you do every day, right?
...
So you found out, huh?

I was sa worried that he wouldn't like the food I made!
I'm sa happy! Shin eats up everything all the time!
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咬み！

Hey!
Are you okay?
I reolly don't understond you!
Don't touch me !!

How can you do something like that--as if you didn't care.
And throwing away what mom worked so hard on!
And mom was so happy, thinking that you ate everything up!
I never asked her to make lunch for me.
That's her problem.

So you're saying that if you don't reveal anything, everything would be fine?
Don't you get it?
If I'd said anything, your mom would be upset.
If all were revealed, then everything would be over.
Just like it's fine to prostitute yourself?

That's right!
It doesn't hurt anyone else, and I earn a lot of money--it's benefit maximization, right?
What I do with my body,
Is my choice.
Listen, you better not tell anyone!
You don't like getting hurt, right?
And I don't want to hurt you either.

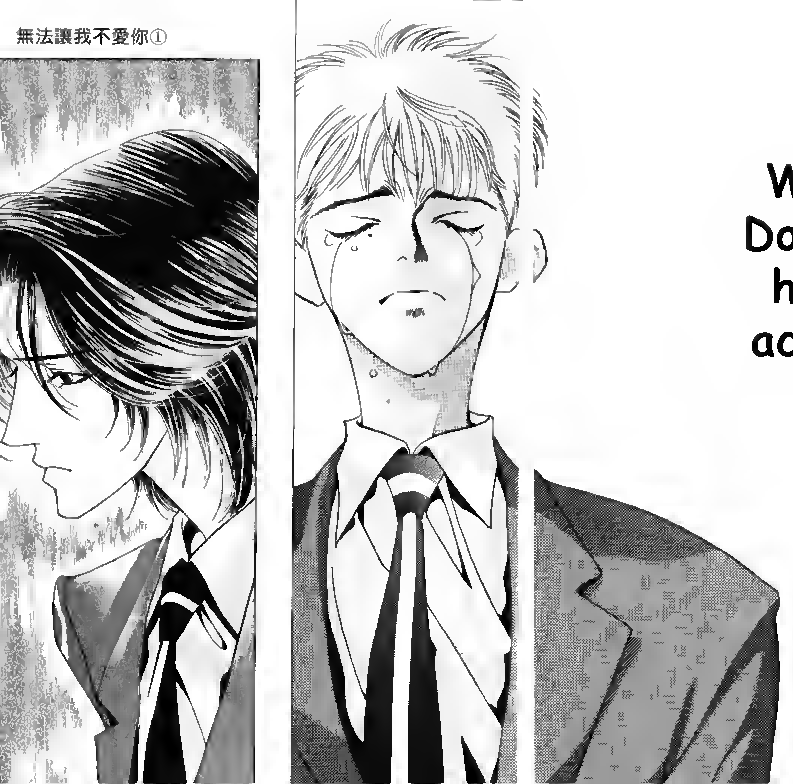
You say it doesn't hurt anyone ...
Is that true?
Haven't you been scarred?

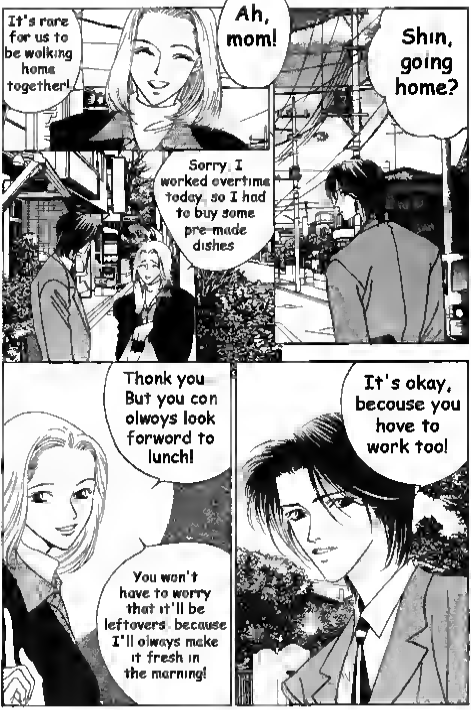
A girl from class wanted me to pass it onto you!
Take it!
I haven't been hurt!
Pa ta!
But you'll probably throw it away, and pretend to have eaten it, right?
Tshhh...

I'm such an idiot...
And I thought I'd gotten a good artisan
And just when I'd become so happy, who would've thought ...

Kill
Damn it--!
...Why!
Why?

Why am I crying over something like this ...
Pant...
Pant...
Pant...
Pant...


Why...
Does my
heart
ache...?


It's rare for us to be walking home together!
Ah, mom!
Shin, going home?
Sorry I worked overtime today, so I had to buy some pre-made dishes
Thank you But you can always look forward to lunch!
You won't have to worry that it'll be leftovers because I'll always make it fresh in the morning!
It's okay, because you have to work too!

I particularly enjoy preparing lunch because you always eat everything up.
Unlike Shin, who's always so picky.
Really, that kid is so childish...

It's for you,
This time for reol.
!!
What's the meaning of this?

You want to use this as a bribe?
That's going too far!
I already promised, so don't you believe me?
I know that because you're always deceiving people,
You, in turn, can't trust others. And that's just pitiful--!
Oh crap ... Did I go too far?
啊!

I wasn't thinking of bribery.
I just wanted to lighten up my luggage.
Because I'm moving out.
Moving Out ?

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That event ... It's been half a year --
Takeru,
Mom's found someone to remarry
Leaving home. What are you saying ...?
Takeru
Thank you ..
I bet it's Uncle Wutian, right? If it's him, then I approve
Remember how I once said ...

That I'm really afraid of having nobody to depend on,
I need family, and to have a complete home. Your dad has already passed away for 10 years,
Even though I have you, Takeru,
But, if something happens to me, what would happen to you? When I think of that, I feel even more insecure
Don't tell me you're saying you want to remarry for my sake!
It's because you like Uncle Wutian, right?
What are you talking about?
You horrible child!
Since dad died, she worked so hard to raise me,
So hard --
Mom, who ever only thought of me
But aren't you going to K-University ?
You could commute from home!
You don't need to move out!

If you leave so soon after we just moved in,
It just seems like you're doing it because of us
Then ...
But
It's my choice if I want to use my own money to get my own place
...
Eh?
It's not "seems like";
Rather, that is the reason.
You ...
Hmph!
What are you saying?

You're sulking because your dad remarried, and you want to get him back, right?
Who would've thought you'd be that kind of a brat!
I get it ...
You're just being stubborn!
Hmph!
Brat, huh?
You sure are lucky!
You're oblivious to everything.
Eh?
Ten years.

!?
Your mom has been dating my dad for ten years.
Ten years... Isn't that less than a year after my dad died?
That's also before my mom died
!
That's right,
and,

Four years ago That's when mom introduced me to Uncle Wutian...
My mom passed away faur years ago.
This ...
I had no idea...
... Ah ...
My dad and your mom thought they had everything covered up perfectly, but--
And let me tell you something else
They couldn't conceal their affair from my mom
My mother knew early on
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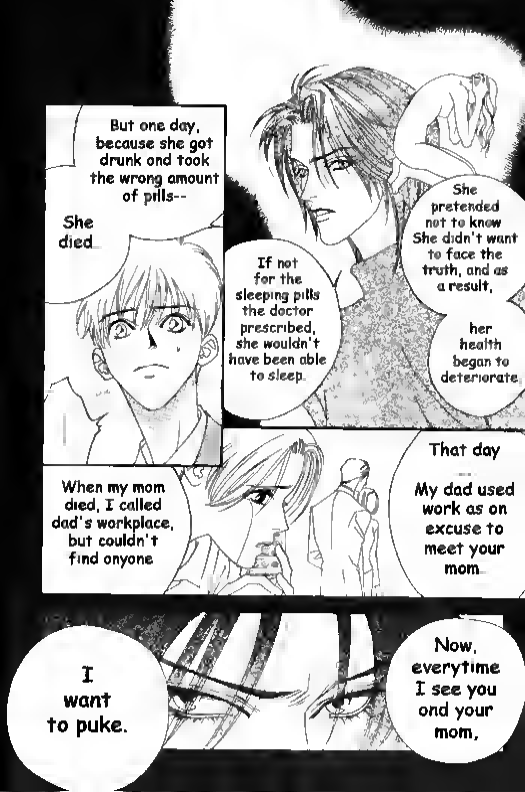
But one day, because she got drunk ond took the wrong amount of pills--
She died.
If not for the sleeping pills the doctor prescribed, she wouldn't have been able to sleep.
She pretended not to know She didn't want to face the truth, and as a result,
her health began to deteriorate.
When my mom died, I called dad's workplace, but couldn't find onyone
That day ... My dad used work as on excuse to meet your mom.
I want to puke.
Now, everytime I see you ond your mom,

What's going on? You two--
Tap! Tap!
!!
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Then let's go,
Takeru!
Isn't it cold chatting in the hallway?
Anyway, dinner's ready now
Mom ...
Munch

咳咳！
What's wrong, Takeru?
Nothing ...
I had some noodles on the way home
My tummy isn't feeling too good
Really
Why don't you just take some medicine ?
It's okay I'll be fine after getting some sleep
Jeez, that kid!
He doesn't need to be so forceful !
He's still going through adolescence !
That's true !
Dad is going to be late tonight.

What da yau usually da? If dad cames hame late...
What ? You cook for yourself ?
That's really amazing !
I make it myself.
But it's nothing great.
Eh? Are you talking about dinner?
Because I had to get mom to eat something
The body can't take non-stop alcohol on an empty stomach
...
Mom --
You're so annoying !

I'm done.
... For you this is probably the first time right?
Thank you, Shin
I'll go bring some medicine for Takeru
Knock! Knock!
Hey, I've got your medicine
You sure sound composed!
You, who knows nothing about the world who grew up in a warm environment,
and have probably never been hated before --
I want to see your disillusioned face.
... Then will you be satisfied ?

...
Stop! Stop this now...
...!
What's the point of holding onto a dead person?
Will you be happy, seeing others suffer?
If you prostitute yourself just because you hate everyone, your mom would be sad too!
You've forgotten the most important thing!
— but,
I feel bad for your mom too
Live your own life!
Stop holding onto that hate, and escape from your mom's shadow!

What else can I say!
Seeing your
Naive face
I'm really going ta puke!
I wouldn't have thaught yau'd came ta such a salutian sa easily!
Because I wasn't able ta take my dad's place--
I could only let mom remorry!
No matter what we do we can't take the place of our fathers--
Yau say Take your dad's place ?
Nnn, you're right

Hmph
Do you know?
...?
When I was still in elementary school, at that time,
I believed mom would protect herself Her obsolute existence
But reality wasn't like that.
And so, I took dod's ploce, ond --

Went to bed with my own mother.
I hod never intended to tell onyone thot.
...
I shouldn't hove soid onything.
Grip!
...
I won't forgive
...
I obsolutely won't forgive
...
The person who mode me speok of it!

I
absolutely
won't
forgive
you!

Huwogh ..
Chirp! Chirp!
Chirp! Chirp!
Chirp! Chirp!
It's so hot!
Ok!
All done ...
Oh no, it's already so late.
He won't eat it...
Because that's how much he hates mom...

One day, he'll definitely understond...
So when you're done, put the dishes in the diswasher
Mom has an early shift today
Tokeru, mornin'!
But ...
Ok!
One day, definitely --
Hey,
If you don't want your lunch, why don't you give it to me?
I believe ...
Because, he once gently saved this cat...

...
Do whatever you want!
Yay!
Now I can eat one in the morning!
Eh, he's gone?
...
So difficult ...
Shuhei's sick
You won't be hungry?
Once second period starts, I get--

What's up with that brat...
How can he talk like there's nothing wrong--?
Hey, Shin!
There must be somethnig wrong with his brain!
Hey, don't be so cold!
Didn't I say that last time would be the final time?
...
Why not stop by the phys-ed storage room after school?

And then your application to K-University ...
What to do?
You might even get expelled!
Do you think that's wise? If it's discovered that the school's model student is prostituting himself
But don't worry, I won't say anything. Just listen to me obediently...
!
That's --
Damn it! I was seen by this guy when heading into a hotel...
I understand ...

Dang--
Dang--
Ha's
With the phys-ed teacher again--
Let's eat together, 'k?
How 'bout it?
Naive guy
Bump!
If I'd been any slower... the deal would've been sold out!
I almost didn't get any!
Ta thank you far the extra lunch,
I baught fried noodles, a bun, and roasted beef sandwiches!

Hey ...
Are you ...
Doing that kind of stuff again ...
With the phys-ed teacher ?
Don't do that stuff again.
If you wont to move out that bodly, I can help you
But...
Forget about it!
That's just... Betraying your own flesh...
Don't do that to your body ...

Farget the past,
and treasure yaur current self!
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Facus instead an what's gaing an araund yau!
Dan't be tied dawn by the past.
Yau want me .. ta forget ?
She usually wokes up late, but for you, she crawls out of bed ta make lunch --
Mom genuinely wants to treat yau kindly
Yes!

Absolutely...
Right.
...You're right.
Hmph
Am I right?
No matter what happens to you, you'd easily look it over, huh?
In this world, lots of people suffer.
Don't think you're the one hurting the most!
What...

...
You're the one,
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"In this world, lots of people suffer."
—
Right?
That's what you said
So you'll be needing a new toy, right?
But because it's new, please be careful. Don't break it.
...
Sensei, I'm about to graduate soon,
Who trespassed into my territory
Shin, let's leave together today!
And triggered my cruel side...

No matter what happens to you--
Then I'll follow your instructions,
And hurt you more than I've been hurt.
Then let's see if you can recover from your wound...
Hmm
What does he mean by that
I actually don't understand, but
Takeru!
This is all I can do
Give it a shot!
Takeru

I'm breaking off all connections with An Tang sensei
Just now I'm really sorry
I thought about it,
and you're right
All I can do
Then ...
Onisan --
It's okay, Takeru
Wait for me --
I have something ta give you.
is believe
... That's great!

Can I depend on you?
Because it's so difficult to stand firm by myself
I want you to be present at the breakup,
but ..
You can give things to me anytime
Then, see you later in the phys-ed storage room
OK!
Ah, Of course!
Onisan!
!
What's wrong ?

Thank you!
...!

I'll just let you suffer once. Let's see if you ever dare be that naive again!
What the hell... There's gotta be a limit to being a nice guy...

It should be enough for one person
It's not a lot, but--
Tap!

And ask him not to prostitute himself anymore...
Even if it's not a lot, he can still use this money ...

I'll give this to him after he breaks it off with An Teng sensei.

And the only thing I can do for mom,
is
that
Forcing us to live together when he bears such a grudge...
In the long run, I think it'll be better to let onisan do what he wants.
I want to maintain ...

A home that onisan can return to--

Creak!
Eh-- Don't be nervous --
You're just going to watch them break up--
The two of them haven't arrived yet? And I thought
What ?

Nngh
Bite!
Ow!
!?
An Teng sensei?

Here I, come!
Hitting the face isn't too good.
Sorry, but I'll have to hit your body
A look of genuine rejection makes my desire burn even more
Your expression isn't bad!
It's also made me more serious
Nngh...

What?
Have you already lost your fighting spirit?
Cough!
Cough!

That you need ta adjust a bit...
...
It seems
Phew
Onisan!
Na ...!
Hurry, Onisan ...!
-- Ugh ...

FROM THE BEGINNING, I NEVER PLANNED IT THAT WAY.
Shounen S
WHEN DID IT START?
I KNOW, IT MUST HAVE BEEN

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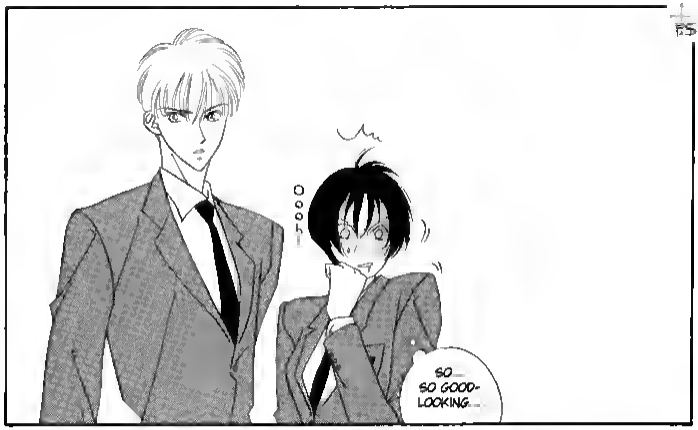
WOW... EVERY GRAIN OF RICE IS SO PERFECT AND ROUND!
CLATTER
...WHAT'S GOING ON... SO NOISY EARLY IN THE MORNING..
SO sleepy...
MORNING, SHIZUKI...
GO CHANGE QUICKLY AND HAVE YOUR BREAKFAST
RIGHT, LAST NIGHT UNCLE KARIYA STAYED AT OUR PLACE...
YOUR UNCLE'S ALREADY UP.

IT'S ALRIGHT, I HAVE NO APPETITE THIS MORNING
NO WAY, YOUR UNCLE SAYS HE WANTS TO SEE YOU IN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM!
GO CHANGE, QUICKLY NOW!
GOOD MORNING!
AH, MORNIN'!
SHIZUKI...
YOU LOOK GOOD IN YOUR UNIFORM
GOOD MORNING
YOU'RE ALREADY A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

THIS IS A GIFT FROM YOUR UNCLE TO COMMEMORATE YOUR ENTRY INTO HIGH SCHOOL, OPEN IT UP!
I WENT TO GERMANY TO HAVE IT CUSTOM-MADE, ONLY YOU AND MY SON HAVE IT IN ALL OF JAPAN!
THAT'S WONDERFUL, WHY AREN'T YOU THANKING YOUR UNCLE?
THANK YOU, UNCLE.
.....
Be careful of fish bones!
SHIZUKI!

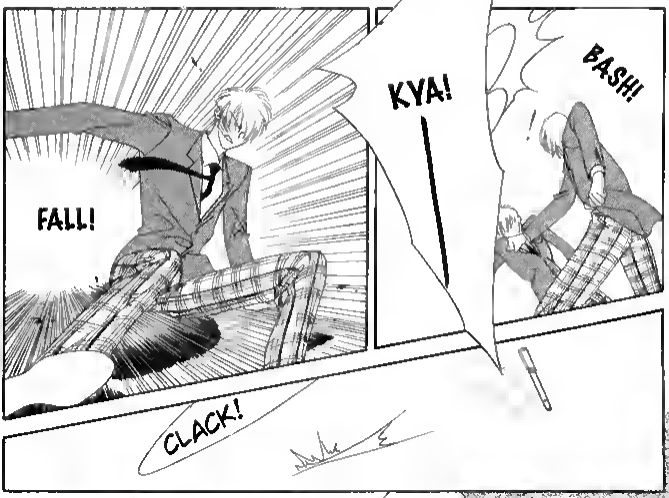
IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU.
DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN MAKE ANY FRIENDS
WE'RE IN DIFFERNT CLASES, WHAT A PITY. .
THERE AREN'T MANY FROM OUR JUNIOR HIGH, IT'S LONELY. .
GEEZ, THE NEWBIES THIS YEAR ARE ALL UGLY BITCHES!
..DAMN! THERE ARE EVEN PEOPLE LIKE THAT IN THIS SCHOOL!
AW, IT'S A PREVIOUS SCHOOL MATE!
HA HA HA..
Right what a disappointment!

HEY...
NOT BAD!
whistle
HOW ABOUT THAT?
Worth pursuing!
ABOUT 80 MARKS!
Hehe!
EEK!
RIKU, WHAT ABOUT YOU?
...ME?


Oooh—
SO... SO GOOD-LOOKING...

I'LL PASS!
HA HA HA!
Really? We'll help ourselves, then.

YOU POOR THING!
LET ME COMFORT YOU!
NO! LET GO!
What the—HELL!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
STOP IT!
!
this!
WATCH-
HEY GOODY-TWO-SHOES, LET ME TEACH YOU HOW TO TALK TO YOUR SENPAI.


FALL!
KYA!
BASH!
!
CLACK!

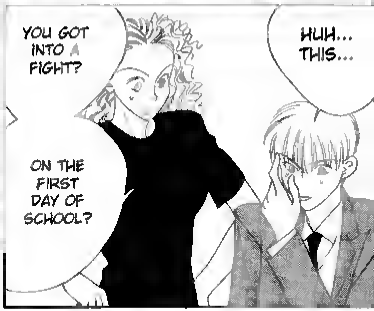
STOP!
STOP
FIGHTING!
!

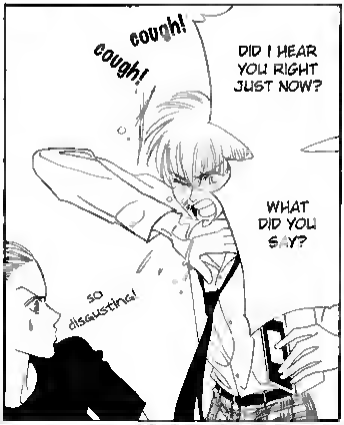
SENSEI---
SENSEI!
IT'S NO USE, NO MATTER WHAT RIKU DOES, THEY'LL PRETEND NOT TO SEE IT..
BECAUSE THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ARE ALL BEING PAID FOR BY HIS FAMILY!
No way! How can that be!?
HOW CAN IT...
GO TO HELL---
!
STOP IT
!!

that bastard!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HEY, WAIT FOR US, RIKU!
THE WAY HE TALKS IS REALLY MEAN
it hurts
RIKU...
HITTING THAT WIMP IS NO FUN.
AH! HEY!
BLOOD...
faints
AH!
drip
drip
drip
KYAAA ...

SHIZUKI!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?!
He's called Riku? I can't stand those young masters from rich families.

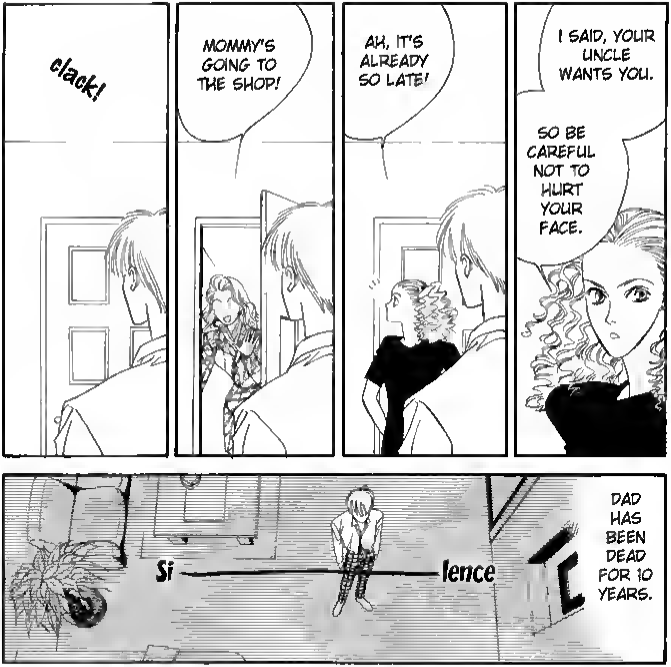
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD!
BUT BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET DISFIGURED.


YOU GOT INTO A FIGHT?
ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?
HUH... THIS...


cough!
cough!
DID I HEAR YOU RIGHT JUST NOW?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
so disgusting!

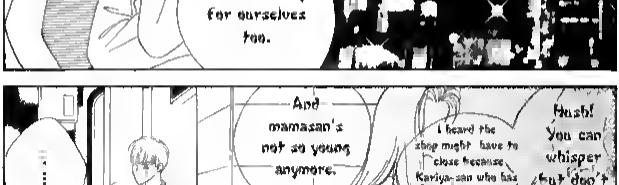
Pffft!!!
MILK

OK OK
BECAUSE UNCLE KARIYA WANTS YOU.


clack!
MOMMY'S GOING TO THE SHOP!
AH, IT'S ALREADY SO LATE!
I SAID, YOUR UNCLE WANTS YOU.
SO BE CAREFUL NOT TO HURT YOUR FACE.
Si lence
DAD HAS BEEN DEAD FOR 10 YEARS.
SO I BEFORE START WORRYING, I CAN ONLY LET THEM DO WHAT THEY WANT.
AND MOM OWES HER SHOP TO HIS FINANCIAL BANKING.
ALTHOUGH UNCLE KARIYA HAS A WIFE, I CAN'T INTERFERE.
I DON'T MIND MOM HAVING A LOVER.

How can it be?!
But,
WHAT YOUR UNCLE WANTS IS YOU.
ISN'T THAT A LITTLE TOO RIDICULOUS? AND MOM WAS SO NONCHALANT ABOUT IT
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A JOKE.
THE IMPORTANT THING IS
I HAVE TO BECOME AN ADULT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO I CAN REDUCE MOM'S BURDEN!
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T HAVE AN EXTRAVAGANT LIFESTYLE .
OH!
Flutter!
WHAT IS THIS.
!
DEBT COLLECTION LETTER?

Why--
Did you know? Miki has left.
We have to find a way for ourselves too.


Hush! You can whisper but don't announce it like that...
I heard the shop might have to close because Kariya-san who has been putting money into it, seems to have split
Really? up with mamasan.
And mamasan's not so young anymore.

UNCLE KARIYA AND MOM HAVE.. SPLIT UP.?
THEN, WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THOSE DEBTS..?
BASTARD, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE HITTING IT!
WATCH OUT!

DAMN!
Wah!
IT HIT HIS FACE!
It hurts!
保健室
WHAT A RELIEF!
...EH
SHIZUKI!
When it rains, it pours...
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?
AEK!
LIE DOWN A LITTLE LONGER, THE DOCTOR LEFT FOR LUNCH BUT HE SAID YOU'RE ALRIGHT.

WAS IT YOU WHO BROUGHT ME HERE?
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? WHEN THE DOCTOR ARRIVED, SOMEONE ALREADY DID THE FIRST AID, MAYBE IT WAS ONE OF THE BASEBALL PLAYERS?
I HAVE TO BUY A NEW ONE LATER.
What a mess!!
THIS
AH...
Blood again...
YOU WERE HIT IN THE FACE BY THE BASEBALL!
It must have hurt right?
IS THAT SO?
I BOUGHT BREAD AND MILK YOU WANT SOME?
NO...
IF I WERE TO QUIT SCHOOL...
NOTHING..
HEY...
WHAT?
NO, YOU GO AHEAD!
REALLY?

I DON'T THINK ANYONE FEELS LONELY AS A RESULT
BUT...
THAT'S WONDERFUL SHIZUKI YOU CAN ATTEND K AFFILIATED HIGH SCHOOL UNCLE SAYS HE WANTS TO TAKE CARE OF YOU
I... I WANT TO HELP THE SICK, LIKE WHAT DADDY DID!
MOM, I DEFINITELY WANT TO BECOME A DOCTOR IN THE FUTURE!
ANATA!
ANATA...
EVEN IF I
Peel
THE SHOP MIGHT HAVE TO CLOSE...
QUIT SCHOOL AND GO TO WORK, I PROBABLY CAN'T HELP OUT MUCH
HEY!

EVEN IF I GET AS WRINKLED AS A DRIED PRUNE, IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
WHY ARE YOU FROWNING? YOU'RE GONNA GET WRINKLES
HOW CAN A RICH PERSON UNDERSTAND A POOR PERSON'S ANXIETIES?!
...Aww...
THAT PARVENU'S SON FROM LAST TIME!
YOU ARE...
I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME.
YOU...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HUH..?
WHAT'S GOING ON? THIS GUY REALLY SURPRISED ME
RIGHT, LAST TIME. HE WAS THE ONE WHO STOPPED THE FIGHT TOO

HUH?
THEN...
THIS...
...YOU'RE INJURED!?
IS YOUR BLOOD
THE PERSON WHO SAVED ME WAS...

HIS SHIRT IS ALL STAINED BY THE BLOOD...
AH!
HE SEEMS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, COMPARED TO MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF HIM.
HEY!
WHAT?

HUH..?
THAT GIRL,
IS SHE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
AH!
N-NO-
SO THAT'S IT
HE'S INTERESTED IN-
REALLY?
THEN-
GO OUT WITH ME!
WHAT ?

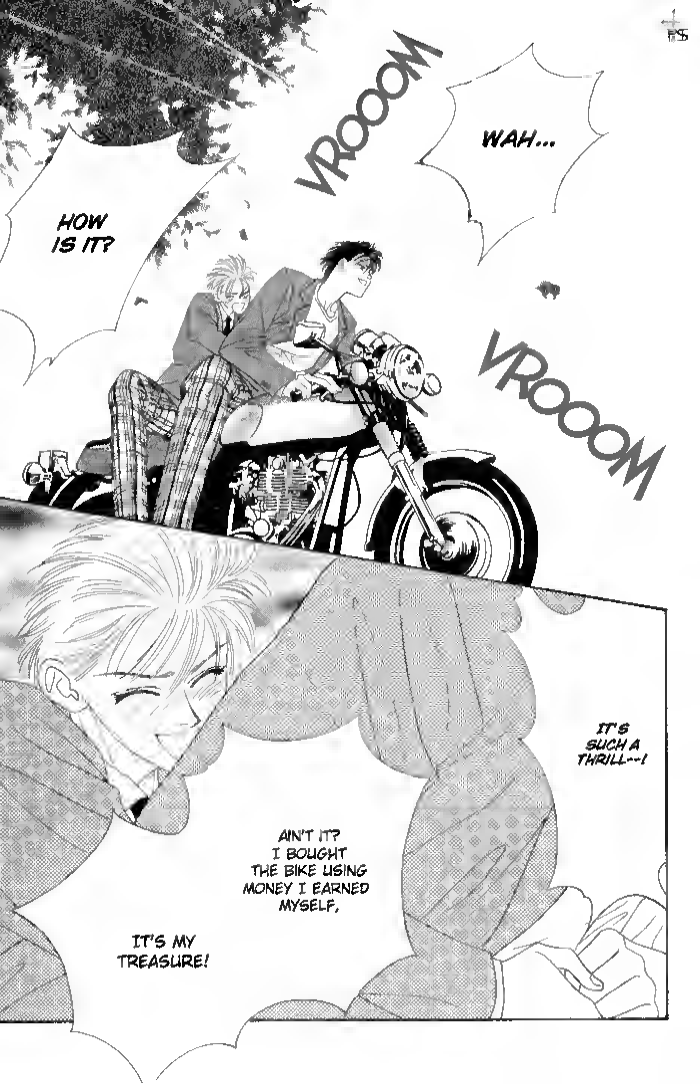
UGH!
Pricked!
THAT GUY IS TRYING TO MAKE FUN OF ME!
YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

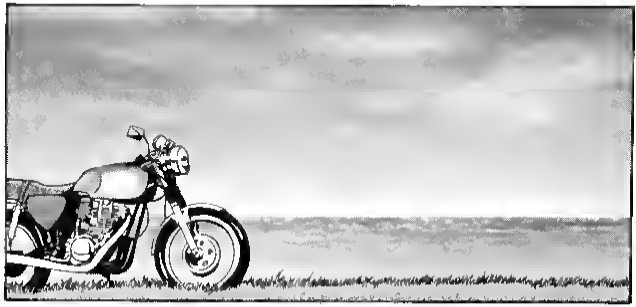
Blush
Thadump!
Thadump!
Thump!
WHY...
Thump!
Thump!

Thump!
-- AH...
MN!
Thump!
Thump!
Thump!
!
--NGH...
Thadump!

—AH—
DO YOU WANT TO—
—DO SOMETHING EVEN MORE PLEA-SURABLE—?
shiver
....!

THEN I'LL GIVE YOU TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT,
HOW ABOUT THAT?
YOU... WHAT ARE YOU BLABBERING ABOUT?
ISN'T THIS TOO SUDDEN?
Thadump!
Thadump!
WHAT "HOW ABOUT THAT" HE'S JUST DOING WHATEVER HE WANTS!
VROOOOM
VROOOOM
GET ON!


VROOOM
WAH...
HOW IS IT?
VROOOM
IT'S SUCH A THRILL--!
AIN'T IT? I BOUGHT THE BIKE USING MONEY I EARNED MYSELF,
IT'S MY TREASURE!



He has already taken off the shirt stained with blood

MINE'S ALREADY OLD, SO IT WON'T DO AS A GIFT.
.....
AH.
THIS IS BAD...
I...THINK I'M...ALREADY...

I WENT TO GERMANY YOU HAVE IT CUSTOM-MADE ONLY YOU AND MY SON HAVE IT IN THE WHOLE OF JAPAN
.....
HUH?
THIS SHOULD BE MINE RIGHT?
WHICH ONE IS YOURS?
TAKE IT!
RIGHT, YOU DROPPED THIS LAST TIME
WHAT'S WRONG ?
YOU ARE
?
YES!
KARIYA—
RIKU?

SO WHAT?
SO THAT'S WHY YOU...
Whoosh...
SO WHAT ABOUT IT?
THEN YOU MUST HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT!
ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MY MOTHER AND YOUR FATHER!
TO YOU, MY MOM IS THE WOMAN WHO SNATCHED AWAY YOUR FATHER FROM YOUR MOTHER!

THAT'S RIGHT,
I KNEW ABOUT IT.
MY MOM HIRED A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, SO I'VE EVEN SEEN PHOTOS OF YOU AND YOUR MOTHER.
BUT THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO, SO I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU IMMEDIATELY.
SO...
THAT'S WHY YOU TRIED TO COME CLOSE TO ME
HEY, DON'T MISUNDER-STAND!
MY PARENTS' PROBLEMS HAVE GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
YOU WANTED TO PUNISH ME!
BECAUSE-

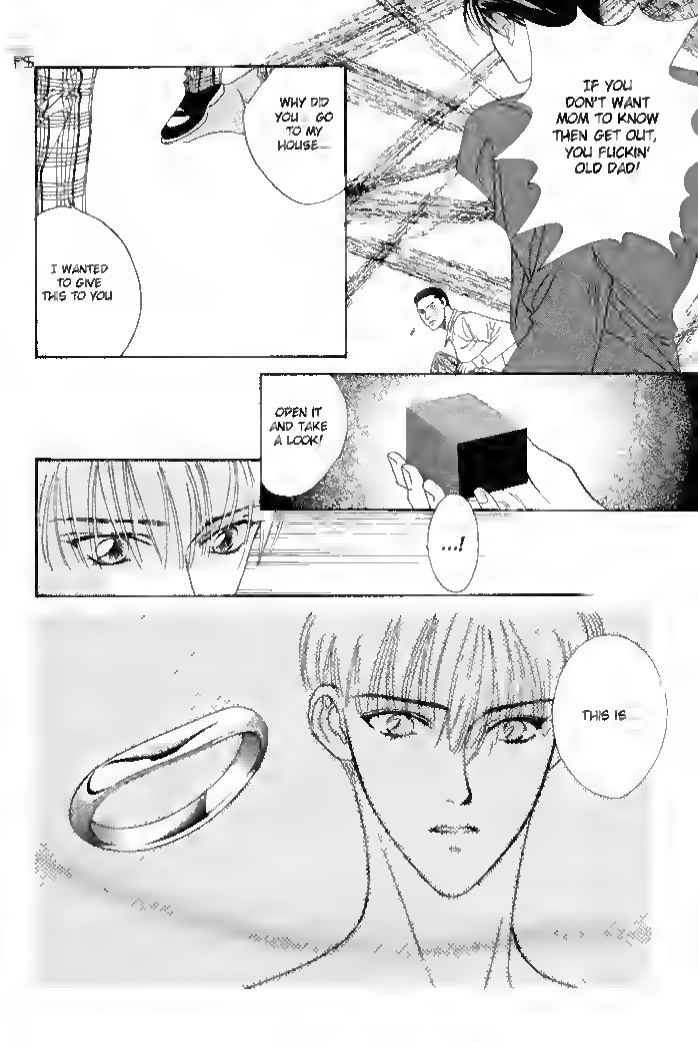
I'M THE SON OF YOUR FATHER'S MISTRESS!
SHIZUKI!
DAMMIT!
WHY
I ACTUALLY FELT SOME-THING FOR HIM
SO, YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE TO ME TOO, ISN'T IT?

BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME
I KNOW, LEAVE THE SHOP TO ME!
TO THINK THAT YOU WOULD CALL ME, I'M SO HAPPY!
HO HO THIS FEELS A LITTLE SINFUL
RIKU...!!!
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS MY SON...

WHERE'S DAD?
AH! YOU ARE...
WHERE'S THAT GUY?
SMASH!!
AH, MY ART DECO LAMP...
KARIYA-SAN'S SON...
I HAVE GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM!
glare
RIGHT, HE WAS ONLY USING ME.
WHERE IS HE?
IF YOU WON'T SAY, THEN THE NEXT THING I KICK IS YOUR HEAD!

ROOM 1206
NOW, JUST RELAX....
GIVE YOURSELF TO ME TOTALLY
RIKU....!!
RIKU!?
KICK
whish

WAIT RIKU, CALM DOWN
DAMN OLD MAN
WHY ARE YOU HERE RIKU?
I HEARD THE NAME OF THE HOTEL HE'S GOING TO FROM HIS'S BAG
RIKU... WHY---
YOU BETTER WORRY ABOUT APPEARING TO ATTACK HIM
MAKING MOVE ON A GUY


IF YOU DON'T WANT MOM TO KNOW THEN GET OUT, YOU FUCKIN' OLD DAD!
WHY DID YOU... GO TO MY HOUSE...
I WANTED TO GIVE THIS TO YOU
OPEN IT AND TAKE A LOOK!
...!
THIS IS...

ONLY, THE BIKE WAS BOUGHT USING MONEY HE EARNED FROM HIS PART TIME JOB
DON'T WORRY, I BOUGHT THIS USING MONEY FROM THE BIKE I SOLD
W
I TOLD YOU, I WON'T GIVE YOU ANY OF MY OLD STUFF AS A GIFT.
WHY...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS FOR ME?
THE BIKE,
IT'S MY TREASURE!

IT MUST BE.
WHEN DID IT START ?
I THINK,
PERHAPS
YES, IT MUST HAVE BEEN THAT!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A HATEFUL GUY WHO STINKS OF MONEY.
RIKU!
WHY ARE YOU SO GOOD TO ME?!

PS
SO CUTE
YOU'RE ASKING ME WHY
YOU ARE MY FIRST LOVE
少年 SEND

On the fourth day of Christmas my Peccatore Sanctuary gave to me...
... A Fun Short Story

WITH YOUR ARMS WIDE OPEN
THE WORLD OPENS WIDE
AND YOU'LL BELIEVE IT DEEP
INSIDE OPEN HEART
ALL OF US HERE AT PECCATORE SANCTUARY WOULD LIKE
TO WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS
MUCH LOVE
PECCATORE SANCTUARY STAFF
THAT THERE'S JUST ONE SECRET TO
LIVING
WHOEVER YOU ARE
IT'S FINDING THAT TRUE JOY IN GIVING
WITH AN OPEN HEART
MIYUK

PECCATORE SANCTUARY